

FATHER OF NINETEEN CHILDREN

Arrested Because He Didn't Send His Daughter to School.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Having too many children was the defense of Anton Hermann, who has been arraigned before Justice Prinderville charged with failing to send his daughter, Katie, 11 years old, to school. Hermann testified that he was the father of 19 children, six of whom are of school age.

"I am too poor to provide clothes and books to send all six children to school," he said. "I don't get much money in the lumber yard where I work. I have been married 34 years. Now I am living with my second wife. My first wife died many years ago."

It developed that Katie, the girl on whose account he had been forced into court, was born on a steamship.

Herman was fined \$10, but payment was suspended on condition that Katie should be sent to school.

WILL PLANT LESS COTTON.

Alabama Farmers Are Signing Pledges to Reduce Acreage.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 12.—Reports from various sections of Alabama show that the farmers and others interested in cotton are meeting in mass convention in their respective counties and taking steps to reduce this year's acreage and also to hold the surplus cotton now on hand for higher prices.

The prevailing reduction in acreage proposed is from 20 to 25 per cent. In numerous counties delegates have also been elected to the National Cotton convention to be held in New Orleans Jan. 24, when an effort will be made to make the concerted movement for cotton acreage reduction throughout the south binding.

Alabama farmers interested in the movement are signing pledges to cut down their acreage in cotton.

Crabs Hard and Soft.

The process of crabs softening during the summer season is as follows: The crabs become fat; then they assume a bluish look on the back and yellow on underside. When in this condition if an outer shell be broken there will be found a skin similar to the inner skin of an egg covering the crab. In this stage the crab is known as a peeler. The next stage is when the outer shell begins to open, and the crab is then known as a buster. When the outer shell is stuffed, the crab is then a soft crab. If she has escaped from the cannibalistic male crabs, who pursue her during this period, she lies hidden in the grass in shoal water until the next tide, which hardens her shell considerably, and the crab is called a buckrum. Buckrums are the tough crabs sold as soft crabs, and when cooked the shell turns red, like that of a lobster, and is not desirable on account of its brittleness. In another tide the crabs become truly hard and go where they please without fear of being devoured by the male members.

One of Poe's Experiences.

Poe, one night during those last weeks he spent in Richmond, related this personal experience, adding that he would carry it with him to the grave.

"I was living in Philadelphia during the epidemic of the cholera there. All day I would pace the streets, seeing the dying and dead, until my heart was faint and sick within me. Late one evening, on coming home after one of these aimless wanderings, broken down and with a thousand pictures of suffering and death dancing hideously before my eyes, I lay upon the bed. In a moment I was asleep and dreamed that a black bird like a raven came into the room and perched over the door. I asked what it was. The bird replied:

"I am the spirit of the cholera, and you are the cause of me!"

"I woke with a start, but the apparition was so real that it made an impression on me I shall never forget."—Lamp

Origin of Grammar Schools.

"Grammar schools" are schools which were founded to teach grammar at a time when the word had a very different meaning from that which it bears at the present time.

Grammar is the science which investigates the laws of language and the art of using it correctly, and one would naturally imagine that a grammar school must necessarily be a school where the English language is taught, but it is not so.

In the middle ages, when the clergy were the only educated men, Latin was the language in which knowledge was preserved and handed down either orally or in writing, so "grammar" came to mean the grammar of the Latin tongue and a "grammar school" was an endowed school for teaching Latin (and afterward Greek) to poor scholars, to fit them for universities.

Far From It.

Young Widow (to partner at ball)—Mr. Crogan, I've made a wager of a pound of chocolate that you are a single man. Mr. Crogan—You've lost, ma'am. I'm wan av thriplets.—Chicago Tribune.

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But Thackeray said he would as lief marry a girl with a humped back as one with an eighteen inch waist.

Ancient Bankers.

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Notice of Application for Charter, Etc.

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1905, the undersigned will apply to His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Florida, for a charter of the corporation proposed below, in accordance with the Statutes in such cases made and provided. This 30th day of December, A. D. 1904.
CHARLES W. MORSE,
JEREMIAH CASHMAN,
JOHN CASHMAN,
GEO. L. DOIG.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF GAINESVILLE GAS & ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY.

Article I.—The name of this corporation shall be Gainesville Gas & Electric Power Company. The place of business: Gainesville, Florida.

Article II.—The general nature of the business to be transacted by said corporation shall be the manufacture and the sale of gas, fixtures and appliances; the generating and selling of electric current for lighting and power purposes; also the sale of electric fixtures and appliances, and the manufacture and sale of ice.

Article III.—The amount of the capital stock of this corporation shall be One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), divided into One Thousand (1,000) shares, of the par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per share, payable in cash or property as the stockholders may provide.

Article IV.—This corporation shall exist for the term of ninety-nine (99) years.

Article V.—The business of this corporation shall be conducted by a president, a vice-president, a secretary and treasurer, and a board of directors of not less than four (4) members. The board of directors may be increased by vote of the stockholders.

The first election of officers shall be held on the 30th day of March, A. D. 1905.

The names of the officers who are to conduct the business until those elected at the first election shall be qualified, shall be Charles W. Morse of Haverhill, Massachusetts, President; George L. Doig of Gainesville, Florida, Vice-President; and John Cashman of Haverhill, Massachusetts, Secretary and Treasurer.

Article VI.—The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation can at any time subject itself shall be One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000).

Article VII.—The names and residences of the subscribers are:
Charles W. Morse of Haverhill, Mass., 450 shares.
Geo. L. Doig of Gainesville, Fla., 50 shares.
Jeremiah Cashman of Haverhill, Mass., 80 shares.
John Cashman of Haverhill, Mass., 450 shares.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
County of Essex.
Personally came before me Charles W. Morse, Jeremiah Cashman and John Cashman, the incorporators above named, each of whom being to me well known, and each acknowledged his signature to the above and foregoing charter for the uses and purposes therein set forth and contained.

Taken and acknowledged before me on this 31st day of December, A. D. 1904.
(Seal)
JOHN J. RYAN,
Notary Public,
Alachua County.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Alachua County.
Personally came before me George L. Doig, one of the above named incorporators, being to me well known, and acknowledged his signature to the above and foregoing charter for the uses and purposes therein set forth and contained.

Taken and acknowledged before me on this 30th day of December, A. D. 1904.
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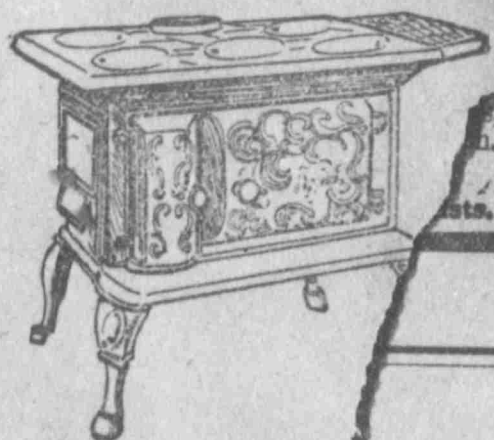
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